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Alaska National Parks Receive \$21 Million from Recovery Act ***Projects across the state create jobs, improve visitor experience***

Hundreds of national park system projects, including an estimated 30 projects in Alaska, are being funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced today nearly \$750 million in investments to create jobs, enhance the park experience for visitors, and preserve history for future generations.

The Alaska region of the National Park Service is in line to receive \$21.8 million for projects in Denali National Park, the Gates of the Arctic, Glacier Bay, Katmai, Sitka, Wrangell-St. Elias and other regions across the state.

“It’s a great combination when you can create jobs and put money into the economy while also improving our National Park system for Alaskans and the millions of visitors who come to our state each year,” Sen. Mark Begich said.

According to the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior, the ARRA money will be used to fix trails, invest in energy efficient vehicles, enhance visitor facilities, rehabilitate campgrounds, cleanup abandoned mine sites, and more.

For a complete list of the projects funded in Alaska, go to <http://www.interior.gov/recovery/nps> and click on the links to projects by state and investments by state.

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